

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL**

**Summation of Minutes from
Tuesday April 3, 2007**

I. Introduction and Comments

Members present:

Duane Busick

Carl Zager

Eric Ost

Suzann Owen

Jesse Strycker came in after role call

Others present:

Michael White, CATS

Justin Goodwin

Public:

II. Approval of Minutes

Busick motioned to approve the March 6, 2007 minutes. Zager moved to approve, Owen seconded. In favor: 4-0-1.

Old Business

A). Rewriting of the Telecommunications Ordinance

IV. Public Comment

Reports and Announcements

A). BTC Members

Ost stated that AT&T is obligated to provide the PEG Channels to their subscribers and that he believes that they do understand these obligations. Ost suggested that AT&T possibly be added to the agenda and to Reports and Announcements so they have a slot and are able to speak at the council meetings if they so choose. Ost stated that before AT&T even signed the contract to come into Bloomington they were aware of the rules and they have had to have encountered this before and the ball is in their court to get rolling. Ost stated that he believes that AT&T may be where they are in danger of having their franchise revoked by not following the law; this would include all of Indiana, not just Bloomington. Owen stated that it could take up to a year for AT&T to get the rules and regulations down and the Act was very broad and unspecific and will take a while to get correct.

Busick stated that the IURC has an office called Utility Consumer Counselor and this is the agency that represents the consumer and where complaints should be sent.

Zager stated that unless a person is aware of the PEG Channels existence that it is difficult for people to be asking White where the channels are and if the channel is not there to begin with then it makes it harder for the consumer to ask for a channel they are not aware of. Zager asked who is responsible in obtaining obtain PEG Channels for their service; Ost stated it is AT&T's responsibility. Ost stated that the State of Indiana had a lot more clout than the council and the IURC can revoke AT&T's charter. The first step for problems with AT&T is to contact AT&T, if there is not a resolve of the problem then moving onto the IURC would be the next step. Ost stated that the council does want to be open and communicative but they can only go so far with doing both. Busick stated that the council needs to represent the community to the best of their ability.

Busick asked what action the council wanted to take on approaching AT&T and the IURC. Ost stated that he proposed that they work with City Legal on drafting a letter since the council does not have the power to do it themselves. Ost moved that the council approaches City Legal in drafting a letter to the IURC and AT&T. Owen seconded. All in favor. 5-0-0.

B.) CATS

The report is in the official record.

White presented report to the council.

CATS is continuing to refine procedures for the Sony cast that they use in the Monroe County Courthouse. They have had a few bugs but are refining them as they arise.

Owen asked White about making the PEG Channels available to all video subscribers and if CATS had received questions about this. White stated that he had not received many calls or emails about this. Owen asked White about AT&T and any contact. White stated there still has not been any contact made from AT&T to CATS.

Busick asked White if CATS had been in contact with Insight regarding the quality of Channel 3 versus the quality of the other PEG Channels. Busick stated that it seems the signal needs to be cleaned up. White stated that Insight has told him that lower channels on the end of the spectrum are considered the 'dirty' channels. White stated that there had been no contact made regarding this channel and any problems with it. Busick stated it seemed to him as though it were just an engineering adjustment. White stated that he will follow up on this and see about calibrating everything during a time when there are not a lot of viewers. He will let the council know next month what the outcome is.

C.) Insight Communications

The report is in the official record.

No one from Insight was present to present this report.

D.) WTIU

The report is in the official record.

Meyer only reports, in person, to the council every quarter.

III. Old Business

A.) The role of the BTC.

IV. New Business

V. Adjournment

The next official meeting of the Telecommunications Council will be Tuesday April 3, 2007 at 7:30 in the Council Chambers.